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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations,
9 July 1965, 11 a. m.

1. The Deputy Director, accompanied by Mr. Houston, briefed the CIA Subcommittee of House Appropriations. Present for the Subcommittee were Mr. George H. Mahon, Chairman; Mr. George Andrews; Mr. Glenard P. Lipscomb; and Mr. Robert L. Michaels, Staff Assistant.

2. Mr. Helms opened with mention of the top-level personnel changes in the Agency. Mr. Mahon expressed surprise and regret at Mr. Kirkpatrick's departure, commenting on his value to the Agency, and said he remembered Colonel White as a long-time officer of the Agency.

3. Mr. Houston then mentioned the Agency's support of [redacted] and the Chairman asked that we give Mr. Michaels a brief on the pertinent portions of the bill which the Agency particularly thought worthwhile.

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5. Mr. Helms then proceeded with the substantive briefing, following the text on South Vietnam, North Vietnam, Colombia, and Peru. He made a brief mention of the situation in the Dominican Republic, commenting that some progress had been made but we were a long way from resolving the situation. He also made very brief mention of the Soviet AN-22, which was displayed at the Paris air show, and our current thinking on Soviet bomber development. The Subcommittee members were most pessimistic about the situation in South Vietnam, expressing the belief that we cannot get out and we cannot win. Mr. Mahon summed up the situation by saying he was glad he was not the President. The Subcommittee members were very much interested in the state of development of the SA-2 sites around Hanoi, and Mr. Lipscomb asked for and was given information on the current shipping into Haiphong.

6. Mr. Mahon commented that it was an excellent briefing.

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attachment

Briefing Paper [REDACTED] 9 July 1965

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Remarks: Dick: You will recall that Mr. Mahon had an interesting suggestion for dealing with the growing insurgency in Latin America which I have not mentioned in the attached memorandum. LRHouston			
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